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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
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Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Regional Resiliency Operations Center - Program Development in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Houston Community College located at 555 Community College Drive, Houston, TX 77013.

The funding is for water disaster resilience training, certification and onboarding of skills, technologies, and training for first responders and the public to better prepare for the unique challenges posed by massive urban flood events. In the Greater Houston region, which includes the 18th Congressional District, floods have adversely impacted thousands. In 2017, Hurricane Harvey, killed 67 people, flooded 154,000 homes and 500,000 vehicles, and inflicted \$125 billion in damage, primarily from catastrophic rainfall – triggering the worst flooding in the Houston metropolitan area history. This followed on the heels of two additional "500-year flood events" in 2015 and 2016.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project."

Sincerely,



Sheila Jackson Lee  
Member of Congress